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SUBJECT: CARTOONS: KUWAIT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONDEMNS BUT
ALSO CALLS FOR CALM

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Kuwaiti newspapers reported February 9 on a National Assembly statement released the previous day regarding the Danish cartoons. The daily Kuwait Times reported, under the headline, "Kuwait Urges Calm in Cartoon Protests, that the Assembly praised the Muslim opposition to the cartoons, but also said, at the same time, we have to emphasize that irresponsible acts in response "disfigure that emotion and make it look like aggressiveness and destructiveness." The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), in its story about the Assembly's statement, said that, in addition to condemning the acts and calling for legislation in Denmark and Norway to protect different religions, the Assembly statement "warned against irrationality that distorts the image of Islam."
(Note: With the Assembly closed for the weekend, we were unable to obtain the full text of the statement.)
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